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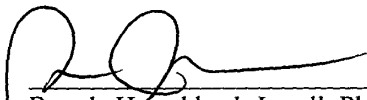
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Enclosed please find the following documents regarding the above-referenced matter:

- 1) Response to Office Action (3 pages);
- 2) Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time (1 page);
- 4) Check in the amount of \$445.00; and a
- 3) Return Postcard.

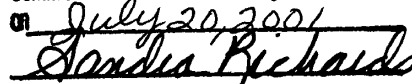
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Applicant respectfully requests a three (3) month extension of time from April 21, 2001 up to and including July 21, 2001 to respond to the Office Action mailed March 21, 2001, in the above referenced case. Responsive to that Office Action, Applicant elects Group XVI, claims 30-32. This election is made without traverse. Claims 1-29 and 33-36 should be withdrawn from consideration. Applicant specifically reserves the right to file a divisional application including these claims.

In addition, Applicant respectfully requests entrance of the following Preliminary Amendment into the case, and consideration of the following Remarks:

**Preliminary Amendment**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 4 of page 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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-- This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 to PCT/US99/02031, and is a continuation-in-part under 35 U.S.C. §120 of U.S. Serial No. 09/141,220 filed August 27, 1998, U.S. Serial No. 09/240,557 filed January 29, 1999, U.S. Serial No. 09/241,101 filed January 29, 1999, U.S. Serial No. 09/248,673 filed February 11, 1999, which claim priority to U.S.S.N. 60/073,283 filed January 29, 1998, U.S.S.N. 60/074,590 filed February 13, 1998, and U.S.S.N. 60/074,624 filed February 13, 1998, and U.S. Serial No. 09/248,674 filed February 11, 1999, and